AUSTRALIA

v.

ISRAEL

"A" INTERNATIONAL MATCH

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Played at the Sydney Sports Ground, Wednesday, 16th February, 1977, Kick-off 8-30p.m.

OFFICIAL AUSTRALIAN SQUAD ASIA/EUROPE TOUR 1976

Back Row: (L to R) JIMMY SHOULDER (National Coach), JIM CONNELL (Leader of the Delegation) DOUG UTJESENOVIC, COL BENNETT, RICHIE BELL, JIM TANSEY, MURRAY BARNES, RON SMITH (Assistant Coach), PETER VAN RYN (Physiotherapist)
Middle Row (L to R) DAVID HARDING, GARY MAROCCHI, GARY BYRNE, JOHN KOSMINA, GEORGE HARRIS, JOHN NY SKOHUS, ATTI ABONYI, HARRY WILLIAMS
Front Row (L to R) JIMMY ROONEY, AGENOR MUNIZ, TODD CLARKE, PETER WILSON, (Captain), PETER OLLERTON, ALAN MAHER

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MESSAGE FROM A.S.F. PRESIDENT

It is again my privilege and pleasure on behalf of the Australian Soccer Federation, the Executive Committee, and all soccer followers throughout Australia to welcome the officials and the National Team of the Israel Football Association to Australia.

I recall writing a similar message in 1971 when the Israel Team visited Australia with the honours being divided evenly, with the first match being a victory to Australia, the second match drawn, and the final match being a convincing victory to Israel.

The two matches to be played in Australia are vital to each National Association as important build-up matches to the First Qualifying Round of the 1978 FIFA World Cup competition. Australia has shortly to play its matches against Taiwan and New Zealand, and, on the other hand, Israel has important matches against Japan, South Korea and North Korea.

We sincerely hope that these matches will assist the Israel Team to win its Qualifying Competition, and we of course are hopeful that we are successful also. Following this the two teams will undoubtedly meet again in the Second Qualifying Round, maybe in Tel Aviv or in Sydney or failing this, in a country in Asia. Therefore, these matches are important in testing the relevant strength of both teams.

We all recall the match played on the 14th December, 1969, at the Sydney Sports Ground before an audience of 31,500 spectators, when the Israel Team drew with Australia thanks to a magnificent goal by Mordechai Shpigler, and this resulted in the Israel Team participating in the Final Competition in Mexico in 1970.

In 1973 Israel was not so fortunate, failing to qualify at the expense of South Korea, and as we all know the Australian Team was successful in defeating that country in a play-off and representing this area in the Finals played in West Germany in 1974.

Therefore, we are all keenly interested in these two very important matches. However, notwithstanding the importance of the games the significant factor is that the spirit of friendship and co-operation which was established in 1969 is continuing, and this will be the third occasion that Israel has visited Australia, and the Australian National Team has enjoyed the hospitality of the Israeli officials on four occasions to-date.

We extend a sincere welcome to the officials and players of the Israeli delegation, and we sincerely hope that their short visit will be an enjoyable and memorable occasion, and that as a result of the games the National Team of Israel benefits in its preparation for the World Cup matches. We know that the visit will do a great deal to further cement the bond of friendship and co-operation that exists between the two National Associations.

Sir Arthur George,
President.

ISRAEL NATIONAL TEAM - RESULTS OF RECENT INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

Tel Aviv	4-2-76	Israel v Denmark	0:1	Friendly International
Tel Aviv	3-3-76	Israel v Nth. Ireland	1:1	Friendly International
Seoul	31-3-76	Israel v Japan	3:0	Pre Olympic Match
Seoul	4-4-76	Israel v South Korea	3:1	Pre Olympic Match
Tel Aviv	11-4-76	Israel v Japan	4:1	Pre Olympic Match
Tel Aviv	28-4-76	Israel v South Korea	0:0	1976 Olympic Tournament
Toronto	19-7-76	Israel v Guatamala	0:0	1976 Olympic Tournament
Montreal	21-7-76	Israel v Mexico	2:2	1976 Olympic Tournament
Montreal	23-7-76	Israel v France	1:1	1976 Olympic Tournament
Toronto	25-7-76	Israel v Brazil	1:4	1/4 Final Olympics Tournament
Patras	22-9-76	Israel v Greece	1:0	Friendly International
Tel Aviv	3-11-76	Israel v Australia	1:1	Friendly International
Tel Aviv	15-12-76	Israel v Austria	-	Friendly International
Tel Aviv	29-12-76	Israel v West German Nat. Amateur	0:1	Friendly International
Tel Aviv	11-1-77	Israel v Bayern Munchen	2:0	Friendly International
Tel Aviv	20-1-77	Israel v Greece	1:1	Friendly International

OFFICIALS ACCOMPANYING TEAM

Mr. Michael Vidra	Head of Delegation; IFA Council Member and Member of Technical Committee
Mr. Zvi Erlich	Delegation Member and IFA Youth Committee
Mr. Joseph Dagan	National Team Manager and IFA Foreign Relations Director
Mr. David Schwitzer	IFA National Coach
Dr. Victor Erez	IFA Physician
Mr. Gabriel Goldman	Masseur

ISRAEL

COHEN AVI : Midfield; age 19; born in Israel; plays for Maccabi Tel Aviv Club; in National Team for the first year, 1976; won 6 caps.

YARON OZ : Midfield; age 25; born in Israel; married; plays for Maccabi Tel Aviv Club; in National Team since 1974; won 22 caps.

ELIMELECH LEVENTAL : Midfield; age 23; born in Israel; plays for Hapoel Haifa Club; in National Team since 1974; won 17 caps.

ODED MACHNES : Striker; age 20; born in Israel; plays for Maccabi Nathanya Club; in National Team since 1974; won 4 caps.

MOSHE SHANI : Midfield; age 22; born in Israel; plays for Hapoel Petach Tikva Club; in National Team since 1974; won 19 caps. Moshe is the son of National Coach, Shwitzer (Shani) David.

MEIR NIMNI : Fullback; age 28; born in Lybia; married, one child; plays for Maccabi Tel Aviv Club; in the National Team since 1974, won 19 caps.

URI MALMILIAN : Midfield; age 19; born in Israel; Plays for Beitar Jerusalem Club; in National Team since 1975; won 5 caps.

SCHWARTZ EMANUEL : Goalkeeper; age 19; born in Israel; plays for Maccabi Haifa Club; in National Team for first year, 1976.

YITZHAK SHUM : Midfield; age 29; born in Russia; in Israel since 1959; married, two children; plays for Hapoel Kfar Saba Club; in National Team since 1969; won 56 caps; TEAM CAPTAIN.

MORDECHAI SHPIGLER : Striker; age 31; born in Russia; married, two children; plays for Maccabi Nathanya; in National Team since 1964; won 70 caps; Destroyer of Australia in 1969.

CHAIM BAR : Center Half; age 21; born in Israel; plays for Maccabi Nathanya Club; in National Team since 1974; won 18 caps.

YOSSEF SORINOV : Goalkeeper; age 30; born in Poland; married, two children; plays for Hapoel Ramat Gan Club; in National Team since 1971; won 10 caps.

AUSTRALIA VERSUS ISRAEL

(1)	Todd Clarke	Joseph Sorinov	( )
(2)	George Harris	Emanuel Schawartz	( )
(3)	Peter Wilson	Moshe Leon	( )
(4)	Colin Bennett	Meir Nimni	( )
(5)	Harry Williams	Abraham Cohen	( )
(6)	Gary Byrne	Haiim Bar	( )
(7)	Agenor Muniz	Uri Malmilian	( )
(18)	Jimmy Rooney	Daniel Noiman	( )
(9)	John Kosmina	Moshe Shani	( )
(10)	Peter Ollerton	Itzhak Shum	( )
(11)	Arti Abonyi	Mordechai Shpigler	( )
(12)	David Harding	Yaron Oz	( )
(13)	Peter Stone	Rifat Turk	( )
(14)	Murray Barnes	Yeuda Gargir	( )
(21)	Allan Maher	Elimelech Leventahl	( )
(15)	Garry Marocchi	Jacob Ekhouse	( )
(16)	John Nyskohus	Jacob Cohen	( )
(17)	Jim Tansey	Oded Machness	( )
		Gideon Damti	( )
		Itzhak Peretz	( )
		Benjemin Tabak	( )

FILL IN THE NUMBERS FOR THE ISRAEL SQUAD

AUSTRALIA

JIMMY SHOULDER is the National Team Coach, and he is also the Assistant Director of Coaching for the Australian Soccer Federation. Mr. Shoulder was appointed Regional Director of Coaching for the Australian Capital Territory in November, 1975, and in April of last year he was appointed Coach of the National Team.

He has a wide knowledge of the game, having played as a professional with the famous Sunderland team, and has undertaken many coaching engagements with The Football Association, and is a qualified Full Badge Coach with that Association.

ALLAN MAHER - Marconi Fairfield N.S.W. Goalkeeper. Born 21/7/50. Height 6'1", weight 11 stone. Australian born. Agile and has good hands. Reserve during the Munich World Cup, has waited patiently to obtain a first team place in the national side. Toured Indonesia with Under 23's. Occupation - maintenance fitter.

GARY BYRNE - Marconi Fairfield, N.S.W. Midfield. Born 19/7/54. Height 5'8", weight 10st. 7lb. English born arriving in Australia at 12 years of age. Under 23 cap. He made his full international debut against Russia last year. A terrier in midfield excelling in marking and tackling, his attacking game has blossomed over recent matches. Very mobile and has a bright future in international football. Occupation - Survey Draftsman. Caps 5.

PETER WILSON - Western Suburbs, N.S.W. Defender. Born 15/9/47. Height 6' weight 12st. 7lb. Australian captain, born in N.E. England and played professionally with Middlesbrough. A resolute defender and fine leader. Was Australia's best player at the World Cup in 1974.

JIMMY ROONEY - APIA Leichhardt, N.S.W. Midfield. Born 10/12/45. Height 5'6", weight 10st. 12lb. A very experienced campaigner who performed with great credit in West Germany in 1974. Born in Dundee, Scotland, has played English and Scottish League. He arrived in Australia in 1968. His lack of stature is more than made up for by his skill and tenacity. Team vice captain. Occupation - Clerk.

COLIN BENNETT - APIA Leichhardt, N.S.W. Defender. Born 12/9/50. Height 6'1", weight 13st. 5lb. Australian born. A powerful, uncompromising defender whose chief talents lie as a destroyer but who is emerging as a fine all-round defender improving with every game. Occupation - Electrician.

DAVE HARDING - Western Suburbs, N.S.W. Midfield. Born 14/8/46. Height 5'10", weight 12st. Born in Liverpool, England, migrated in 1968 and a member of the World Cup squad in West Germany. A busy player with a dynamic shot who has scored several vital goals for Australia over the past 12 months. Occupation - Mail Officer.

JOHN KOSMINA - Polonia, South Australia. Forward. Born 17/8/56. Height 5'10", weight 11st. 7lb. An exciting forward discovery who made his full international debut in August this year against Hong Kong. Australian born, he is a quick, skilful forward with a big future in international football. Occupation - student.

PETER OLLERTON - South Melbourne Hellas, Victoria. Forward. Born 20/5/51. Height 6'1", Weight 13st. 5lb. Born Lancashire, England, Powerful and dangerous striker, a member of the 1974 World Cup squad and a regular scorer for Australia in matches since then. Occupation - Sales Representative.

HARRY WILLIAMS - St. George-Budapest, N.S.W. Left back. Born 7/5/51. Height 5'9", weight 10st. 7lb. The first Aboriginal to represent Australia. First selected for 1970 World tour and a member of the World Cup squad in West Germany. A fast-moving attacking full back often unpredictable but always exciting. Occupation - Clerk.

ATTI ABONYI - Croatia, N.S.W. Forward. Born 16/8/46. Height 5'9", weight 10st. 7lb. Hungarian born and migrated to Australia at 11 years. Magnificent striker whose flashes of brilliance has captivated crowds over the years. Played in West Germany in 1974 and once again back in the squad after retiring for a year. Occupation - Tailor.

MURRAY BARNES - Hakoah Eastern Suburbs, N.S.W. Forward. Born 16/1/54. Height 6'1", weight 11st. 5lb. Australian-born. Another product of the Under 23 tour making his debut against Russia. Tall, powerful in the air and is quicker than his leisurely style indicates. Has scored several spectacular goals in earlier matches. Occupation - Upholsterer.

AGENOR MUNIZ - Hakoah Eastern Suburbs, N.S.W. Midfield. Born 24/6/49. Height 5'7", weight 10st. 7lb. Brazilian born arriving in Australia in 1971. A brilliant midfield general with the ability to hold the ball under pressure and then release accurate long passes. Another who made his debut in the Russian series. Occupation - Gardener.

GEORGE HARRIS - St. George-Budapest, N.S.W. Defender. Born 6/2/49. Height 5'8", weight 10st. 11lb. Australian born. Versatile performer who can play on either flank or in midfield. Aggressive performer capable of giving nothing less than 100%. Captain of the St. George club and brother-in-law of Doug Utjesenovic. Occupation - Schoolteacher.

TODD CLARKE - Hakoah Eastern Suburbs, N.S.W. Goalkeeper. Born 28/4/51. Height 6', weight 13st. Australian born. After touring with the Under 23 team, came into prominence during the Russian series late last year. Solid and safe and competing fiercely for the first team sport. Now settled in Sydney following his transfer from South Australia. Occupation - Sales Representative.

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